



Docket: 33544/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor:	Rainer Bosse	
Appln. No.:	10/668,034	
Filing Date:	September 22, 2003	Examiner: C. Koharski
Title:	Cannula Protecting Cover	Group Art Unit: 3763

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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(Signature)

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. Previously submitted. If a Final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the Final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other _____

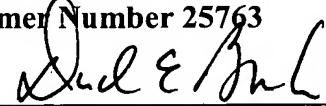
FEES

The RCE Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is submitted herewith.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
 - ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$1240.00 enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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